

Marked-up Version of the Specification

This application is a continuation of prior application Serial Number 08/525,050, filed September 9, 1995, which is incorporated by reference into this application [, and which is a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial Number 08/238,605, filed on May 5, 1994, which is incorporated by reference into this application and entitled "METHOD, SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTROL."]

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 were pending and rejected. Claims 3-6 are replaced by new claims 7-9. An RCE is enclosed. Applicants request allowance of claims 7-9.

Claims 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) over U.S. Patent 5,146,491 (Silver). Applicants note that Silver uses a conventional central office to process and complete the call to a provider system. Silver does not discuss how the central office validates the caller before completing the call to the provider system.

Over the completed call connection, the provider system communicates with the caller to offer value-added services, and upon caller request, the provider system begins billing the caller for the call.

In contrast, the claimed invention operates during call set-up -- this is made clear by the limitations related to receiving and processing call set-up signaling, such as an IAM message. The provider system of Silver does not process call set-up signaling or IAM messages. The provider system of Silver does not operate prior to call completion.

Applicants respectfully request a Corrected Filing Receipt that reflects the continuation information that is amended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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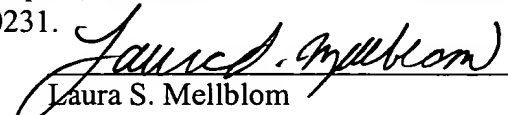
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